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Application No.: 10/659,790**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 16, 17, and 19-21, without prejudice or disclaimer, and cancel claims 1-15, without disclaimer. A complete listing of the claims of this application follows.

**Claim 1-15 (Cancelled).**

**Claim 16 (Amended):** The padding of claim 1, A vibration absorbing padding, comprising:

a padding body formed by a multi-layer material comprising:  
a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is substantially free of voids therein;  
a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid material forms an imperforate sheet disposed within the second elastomeric layer;  
and  
a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer.

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Claim 17 (Amended): The padding of claim 1, A vibration absorbing padding, comprising:  
a padding body formed by a multi-layer material comprising:  
a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is substantially free of voids therein;  
a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid material forms a plurality of individual strips that are substantially parallel to each other; and  
a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer.

Claim 18 (Amended): The padding of claim 17, wherein the plurality of individual strips are generally equally sized.

Claim 19 (Amended): The padding of claim 1, A vibration absorbing padding, comprising:  
a padding body formed by a multi-layer material comprising:  
a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is

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substantially free of voids therein;

a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and  
that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the aramid material  
distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid  
material forms a plurality of individual strips of different sizes that are  
substantially parallel to each other; and

a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer.

Claim 20 (Amended): A vibration absorbing padding, comprising:

a first elastomeric layer adapted to absorb vibration, the first elastomeric layer being substantially free of voids therein;

a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, the aramid material comprising a plurality of individual strips of aramid of different sizes, wherein the ~~aramid~~  
aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, the second  
elastomeric layer being substantially free of voids therein;

a third elastomeric layer that is disposed on the second elastomeric layer, the third elastomeric layer being substantially free of voids.

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**Claim 21 (Amended): A vibration absorbing padding, comprising:**  
**an first layer adapted to absorb vibration and being formed by an elastomer**  
**that is substantially free of voids therein;**  
**a second layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is**  
**disposed on the first layer, the aramid material comprising a plurality of individual**  
**strips of aramid of generally equal sizes, wherein the ~~aramid~~ aramid material**  
**distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, the second layer being**  
**substantially free of voids therein, the plurality of individual aramid strips being**  
**generally parallel to each other; and**  
**a third layer formed by an elastomer that is substantially free of voids.**